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A Chinaman Answers Ingersoll.

Chinaman, to Ingersoll's attack on the Bible: lo a recent article in the North American Review, Robert Ingersoll arraigns the Bible on the ground that it is a very common, plain book, and it needed more inspirat on wisdom, have declared to be superior to any of the inspired writers, have bowed, and that, too, with no mock bumility, before this grea e-t of all books and have learned from it. Shakespeare was evidently familiar with all its contect. Macaulay 'read and re-read it with great profit" and the great-est minds that the world has ever known are men who have locked on it as a storehouse of knowledge. It is always a sign of a vu gar and uneducated mind; it is the mark of a want of information on the part of any man who derides the Bible and claims that t contains nothing of importance. Were the Bible taken out of literature, the libra-

I presume that Mr. Ingersoll could easily write the first few books of the Bible, but instead of condemning the whole book, sup-pose that he or some of his gifted admirers write for us something that will equal the Book of Job, rival the Psalms of David or that will surpass the Proverbs of Solomon. When this is done, perhaps we will be content to follow this blind leader of the blind, this inconsistent man who preaches temperance one day and sends whicky sea precious gift to his friend the next. This "Bull of the Woode," whose timorous soul compels him to go through life declaring that there is no God, much as a school-boy goes through a graveyard at night and whistles to keep up his courage. It is a singular fact that all the best men the world has known, that the best educated men that have walked the earth, and the men who have swayed the destinies of nations, that have been honored by their fellowmen, that have left us queutlied and undying memories, are men that have read the Bible and have profited

the men who deny the Bible and seek wis dom in the Police Gazette or hunt for infor-mation in the dime novel. Singular, isn't gersolt will try his hand on some new proverbs that will be wiser than Solomon's, and give us a grander posm than Jot's. and give us a granter point that such as It takes an artist to make a picture, but any fool may daub it with paint and deface it, and yet the picture that his been painted in the Bible and daubed at since the time of Julian, when and daubed at since the time of Julian, when the discoloration has dried it fell to the ground and the picture shone as clear as ever. I await with little hope the production of any human ba-ing that cannot comfort the mourner, raise the fallen, and point to immortality as does the writers of the Bitle.

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The commander-in-chief of an army does not heed the guns ner the rattle of muskets—he wetches the effect of shot and shell—and so the wetches the effect of shot and shell—and so the Chinese, being a practical people, ears not for the wit, the elequence of Ingersoll—they look only for the results of his teaching. No other religion, no system of belief or unballef can point to the monuments of human charity, arean Christianly. No other religion has given to the world hospitals, the founding asylums and the libraries that det this fair earth. Wherever there is charity there is Christianity. Wherever there is charity there is Christianity. Wherever the orphan and the wildow is cared for, Christ is preached. Wherever the naked are cothed and the hungary fed, His doctines prevail. In all lands, in all time whatever has been done to better the condition of mankind has been dene in His name. done in His name.

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